



**NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116 (Conducted via Zoom)

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**Minutes for Tuesday, January 5th, 2021, 6:00pm until about 8:00pm**

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Board Attendance (X means "present"):

X	Gary Weber	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
X	Gautam Dey (arrived at 717)		Richard Valentine		Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross (VC)	X	Alison Flynn (C)		John Hartley
	Eric Tamayo	X	Nancy Lawler		Vickie Everich
	Dan Soderberg	X	Alberto Foglia (T)	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

**6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting**

1. Introduction of planning group members and audience
2. Agenda Setting/modifications (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*): Clarification was made about parks.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jim will be reimbursed for \$25 for Zoom expenses: \$2086 is our current balance. Zoom expenses will be recovered from the city.
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch sent them out. M/S: Jim/Gary. Alberto is abstaining because he doesn't remember reading it.

**6:10 Public Comment**

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
  - a. Adam suggested we should consider trying to join D9 in the upcoming Redistricting
  - b. Adam also suggested we make a conscious effort to start to attend SD Unified Meetings
  - c. We need to set the ballot in February
  - d. Carolyn Chase commented that in a presentation to Parks & Rec this morning, the city attorney office says that planning groups are currently illegal. Link is here: <https://docs.sandiego.gov/cityattorneyreports/RC-2020-7.pdf.pdf>
  - e. Gary commented that any attempt to scrap planning groups would be appalling.
  - f. Khalisa continues to be frustrated by the locked gates at Adams Elementary when school isn't in session, and her 3 year old is very upset about it.
  - g. There is a partial power outage from North Park right now, so some might not be attendance because of that.
6. Social Media & other communications – Adam, Alison, & Alberto: Nothing to report, because social media is a digital cesspool.

## 6:20 Reports

7. Government Representatives
  - a. Benny Carwright from D3 Whitburn's office: he introduced himself and expressed that he's hearing our concerns. Adam told him that our consistent priority has been the completion of the Ward Canyon Park project
  - b. Officer Jenny Hall from SDPD: gave an update on local crime, and the recent suspension of parking enforcement for the duration of the COVID crisis.
8. Community Groups
  - a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Scott isn't present for an update.
  - b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Tootie came to talk about an ECB Town Hall Meeting in March, in our area, and they're calling the stretch from the 805 to the 15 "Central." There's a community walk on 1/14 at 10am to observe and explore that stretch.
  - c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Nobody was here from either group. But Adam went on their Christmas Lights tour, and was concerned about houses competing that were not in our neighborhood.
  - d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Nancy will be our new rep for that meeting.
  - e. Park & Recreation Coalition, via Carolyn Chase: gave a presentation on the new city Parks plan, and concerns her group has with them. email [planning@iccontactweb.com](mailto:planning@iccontactweb.com)

## 6:50 Chair Report

9. Alison announced that she's moving out of the neighborhood in March, buying a house in El Cajon. As it happens, Adam and Alberto will also likely not be running again.

## 6:55 Working Group Reports

10. Transportation Group: No meeting happened for that group. The AABA continues to be in contact with the city about the bridge over 805.
11. Parks: Linda is discouraged about the direction of the Parks group, and doesn't want to do it anymore. Hopefully someone can take over that working group.
12. Undergrounding (to potentially be established): Jim reported that there have been email exchanges with city staff about how/where additional lighting might be installed, and the MAD that would in place for that.

## 7:10 Action Items

13. Safe Routes to Parks: M/S:Jim.Gary: Accept the proposal from the Park & Recreation Coalition to ask the mayor to delay approval of the Parks Master Plan. All voted in favor. Adam will send a letter to the Mayor's office and Randy Wilde, [rwilde@sandiego.gov](mailto:rwilde@sandiego.gov).
14. 40<sup>th</sup> St. Barricades: No action at this time, but Benny will check up on it.
15. 805 Freeway: There is no action at this time.

## 7:40 Discussion Items

16. COVID Relief Programs Knowledge Share: Does anyone know of any programs that the community might not be informed about. Molly Lorden at the Methodist Church mentioned that some have been donating some of their relief checks they don't need, and others and request funds from that (contact for more details: [molly@nhunited.org](mailto:molly@nhunited.org)). Linda also reports that there is also a Community Fridge from the Community Fridge Project outside of that church that can be donated to or taken from. The fair at 44<sup>th</sup> St. also has a food give-away every Tuesday morning.
17. Historical Lighting: no discussion on this this month.

## 7:50 Information Items

18. n/a

## 7:34 Adjournment